

engineer (Civil) by promotion during the last three years;

(b) the number of vacancies filled up from belonging to SC/ST out of them during that period;

(c) the reasons for not filling up the reserved posts; and

(d) the remedial steps proposed to be taken to fill up the backlog of reserved posts in the grade of Executive Engineer (Civil)?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRIP.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Promotion to the Grade of Executive Engineer (Civil) is made from the following two streams:

(i) Assistant Executive Engineers (Group

A) with 5 years of regular Service in the Grade.

(ii) Assistant Engineers (Group B) with 8 years of regular service in the Grade.

While no promotion (Except one ad-hoc promotion made on the basis of Court directive) was made from them Assistant Engineer stream during the last 3 years, the number of promotions made from the Assistant Executive Engineer stream are as under:

Regular promotion -26

Adhoc promotion- 5

(b) Out of the promotions indicates in (a) above, the number of vacancies reserved for SC/ST, and those actually filled up SC/ST are as follows:

	Reserved for		Filled up from	
	SC	ST	SC	ST
Regular promotion	8	5	3	NIL
Adhoc promotion	1	1	1	NIL

(c) SC/ST officers in the Grade of Assistant Executive Engineer with minimum stipulated service required as per ruled were not available for promotion.

(d) The back-log reserved vacancies can be filled up only when SC/ST officers with the requisite qualifying service in the feeder grade become available as there is no direct recruitment.

C-Dot system

6999. SHRI RAM NARAIN BERWA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent on C-Dot system during the Seventh Five Year Plan;

(b) whether the target fixed during the Plan period has been achieved; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRIP.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The amount spent on C-Dot during the Seventh Five Year Plan period is about Rs. 71.96 Crores.

(b) Yes, Sir.